

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY
INVITATION TO BID
DRAWING AUDITOR AND RELATED SERVICES
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1.) Will bidders who have not had previous audit engagements with lotteries, but who have general auditing experience, still be considered?

Yes. The NCEL expects that the Successful Vendor and/or subcontractor will have at least five previous comparable audit engagements in size and/or scope. Such engagements need not have been with a lottery; however, it would be useful to know any audit experience that firms and/or individual members might have with other state lotteries.

2.) How often would CPAs have to be physically present at drawings and how soon prior to the drawings should CPAs arrive at the drawing studio?

The Successful Vendor will be required to provide two CPAs, only one of which will be required to attend a drawing, unless otherwise specified by the NCEL, to observe drawing testing, and computer and information reporting operations for the NCEL's "Carolina Pick 3" and "Carolina Cash 5" on-line games and any other drawings conducted by the NCEL. The Pick 3 and Cash 5 drawings will be held 7 nights per week at approximately 11:22 p.m. Pre-testing is estimated to start two (2) hours prior to each drawing, and the Successful Vendor should arrive at least one-half hour before pre-testing begins. Similarly, post-testing is estimated to end two (2) hours after each drawing.

3.) What type of drawing audit report is required?

After each drawing, the Successful Vendor must certify by a signed, written report whether the procedures agreed upon were performed and whether the closing of the prize pools and the selection of the winning numbers was conducted in accordance with the drawing procedures prescribed by the NCEL. Such report may be submitted on a standard form developed by the Successful Vendor and approved in advance by the NCEL.

4.) Is the invitation to bid for drawing auditor open to bidders on a national level, as well as local and regional levels?

Yes. All bids are welcome, regardless of a bidder's size or geographical location, so long as the bidder(s) can provide the required services.